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from the editor's desk

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We Are Now Staff Advisors

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A Complaint On This Column

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We have reached the end of the road. No longer will we be permitted to enjoy worrying about absent copy, lack of space, heads that don't fit, the Carpe editor, and where we put the Bromo Seltzer. We have passed from this stage to the rank of senior advisors, and we'd like to see our successors get any more work out of us this year. We are through, and will now start passing those exams we've been flunking for three years.

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A complaint has finally reached our ears concerning this column. Its uncheerful creator was the new editor, who is bemoaning the fact that he either will have to keep on writing it, thereby adding to his troubles, or will discontinue it, thereby provoking from us an anonymous letter saying that it was the only thing in the paper worth reading.

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Although no official announcement has been made, we'll now bring to light the fact that we have made plans for having an Exchange and Fraternity Column appear regularly, beginning with next week's issue. These columns were requested by those answering the Pi Delt poll, so a hearty complaint is due one and all if they don't appear next Wednesday.

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The editor of the Clinton Courier just isn't mystified at all about accounting for the remains of the fish which are suspended high in the tree in front of South. That worthy gentleman wrote last week: "The logical explanation, it seems, is that someone in the neighborhood tried the goldfish swallowing stunt—and hiccupped."

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Well, we brought it on ourselves. There just isn't any more room to go on. We hope that everybody is sorry. So long.

"What Price Glory" Is Dropped by Charlatans

The production, "What Price Glory", scheduled for production by the Charlatans has been cancelled. With rehearsals already underway, the play was abandoned as too strong for Hamilton consumption. The somewhat inelegant language of Capt. Flagg and Sergeant Quirt are, however, well known to Hamilton students, for the play is read in freshman English composition courses here on the Hill.

With no new drama chosen, the Charlatans plan no presentation until late in the year. No play will, therefore, be given Sub-freshman Week-end, but in accordance with annual custom the group will stage a production during Commencement Week.

Hamiltonians Will Act In Clinton Production

Two members of the faculty, one faculty wife, and an undergraduate will have prominent roles in the production of "Petticoat Fever" to be offered by the Little Theatre Group of Clinton at the Clinton Central School on April 27 and 28. Wentworth D. Fling will play the male lead, Dascom Dinsmore; Thomas McN. Johnston and Nettie T. Miner have supporting roles, and Joseph P. Mangan, '41, will appear as Kimo, an Eskimo. The set and lighting for the production, which is being given for the benefit of the Clinton Parent-Teacher Association, have been designed and executed by Mr. Fling.

A Long Awaited Task Is Started

A recent picture of the gymnasium site as the excavation work was going on preparatory to laying the building's foundations. The snow seen in the background shows why the work was not started on April 1 as scheduled

Plans for Senior Ball Announced

Six Committees in Charge Of Commencement Activities

The Senior Ball Committee, headed by Russell Newkirk, has announced the arrangements for the final dance of the year. The Committee has made several drastic changes in its departure from the customs of the past years.

Instead of having the dance at some hotel or club in Utica, the Committee has decided to hold it at the Psi Upsilon House. Len Fennell, whose music has been featured on the Hill for the last few years, will provide entertainment for the occasion.

It has not yet been definitely decided whether or not the dance will be open to seniors only. If the subscription of the Seniors is adequate to cover expenses, underclassmen will not be admitted. If not enough of the graduating class sign up, underclassmen will be permitted to attend.

Other members of the committee are: Harry E. Judson, William G. Erickson, and John R. Carter. The date of the Senior Ball has been set for Friday, June 9.

In charge of Class Day are: Arthur A. Batts, chairman; W. Allenby Jones, and Robert M. Palmer.

The Cap and Gown Committee consists of John B. Hawley, chairman; Frank W. Merritt, and Walter J. Roider.

The Class Gift Committee is composed of J. Leo Coupe, chairman; Charles L. Nord, and William E. Towner.

In charge of the Ivy Planting are: Martin F. Hilfinger, chairman; Richard H. Farrell, and William G. Tice.

The Commencement Programs and Announcements will be under the supervision of Herbert S. Long and William Kirk.

Squires Club to Hold Saturday Night Dance

The Squires Club, having been unable to procure a residence for week-ends dates, has decided to hold only a Saturday night dance during the Houseparty week-end. Since the Squires can not get an orchestra for that evening, they will make use of their new radio-phonograph.

Although there isn't any scarcity of homes for week-end dates on the Hill, none of the empty homes are adequately supplied for week-end purposes. The Squires hope nevertheless, to have a large turnout for the Saturday night dance. Philip Sottong, '41, David Millner, '41, and Tom O'Donnell, '42 will serve on the entertainment committee for this affair.

At future houseparties, the Squires plan to make arrangements beforehand for an orchestra.

Set Clocks Ahead Saturday Night For New Time

Students and faculty are warned to set their clocks one hour ahead upon retiring Saturday night. Beginning Sunday, April 30, Daylight Saving replaces Standard time on the Hill. This new time will be in effect until next fall, and all classes, sports events, etc., will be listed accordingly.

Utica and vicinity will also be operating under the new time schedules. However, trains and busses will still be running on Standard Time.

D.T. Names Next Year's Members

Thirteen members of the freshman class were tapped by the D. T. sophomore honorary society this morning. These men, chosen on the basis of personality, character, and leadership, will undergo a two week period of campus hazing before their induction.

The following are the men chosen for the society: Paul C. Beardslee, Richard Cartwright, Nelson C. Dale, Jr., William A. Day, Charles A. Godsell, Jr., Robert L. Henry, Philip C. Leavenworth, Ralph W. Leavenworth, Arthur H. Naylor, Jr., Ernest S. Nuspliger, Jr., Peter J. Sackett, Robert S. Scheu, and Rodney W. Smith.

At the first meeting of the group held this noon, Robert L. Henry was elected president.

Cowley Receives Seniors' Report

Cooperative Plan, Changes In Curriculum Are Discussed

The extensive report on various phases of Hamilton life, which was prepared by a senior committee appointed early in the year, was submitted last week to President Cowley. The President has not yet decided what parts of the report are to be made public.

The committee did, however, recommend in their report several minor changes in the present curriculum. They also discussed at some length the advisibility of a cooperative buying plan in which all fraternities would take part, thus producing lower prices in foodstuffs, etc. The discussion of the liquor problem followed closely the plan suggested last week in the editorial columns of **Hamilton Life.**

A scheme for a greater integration of athletics also received considerable space in the report. No great changes in the social and cultural life of the college were advocated. The report also stressed the desirability of continuing the present cut system.

The main topics presented in the report were assigned for treatment to individual men on the committee. President Cowley will meet with the committee in the near future to discuss the report in detail. Whether or not the report will be made public is not as yet decided.

Rock, Missbach Head Next Year's 'Life' Staff; Sanson Business Manager

Student Council Elected April 19

Newly Formed Group Plans First Meeting Tonight At Dr. Cowley's

The results of the election held a week ago to determine the first members of the Student Council, newest undergraduate organization on the Hill, were announced last Friday morning at the regular chapel exercises.

The seven charter members of the council are as follows: Frederick B. Chappell, '40, Chi Psi; Murray H. Gardner, '40, Delta Kappa Epsilon; Reynold Salmela, '40, Delta Upsilon; William E. Davis, '40, Sigma Phi; Wesley D. Sprague, '40, and Laurance P. Miller, '41, Alpha Delta Phi; and Willard B. Eddy, Jr., '41, Psi Upsilon.

The first meeting of the elected men will take place tonight at 8 o'clock at the home of President Cowley. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers and to determine the council's plans for the rest of this semester.

The new management, technically known as the Student Council of Hamilton College, has as its objectives the welfare of student life at Hamilton and action as an intermediary between students and faculty.

The plan for creating such a committee of undergraduates was proposed by a senior group composed of Farrell, Hilfinger, Erickson, and Gardner, who submitted it to be Executive Council last month.

Band to Present Concert May 3

The College Band will present its annual Hill concert on the evening of Wednesday, May 3, at 8:15. Notable about the concert is the fact that Samuel Lyon Lake, '39, the band's director, will be conducting the organization for the last time on this occasion. The octet will also participate in the concert.

The group plans to present the following selections one week from

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College to Edit The Freshman Handbook

It has recently been announced by the administration that the Freshman Handbook will be put out in the future by the college. It is for this reason that no announcement was made at the Pi Delta Epsilon dinner last Monday night concerning next year's editors.

New Scholarship Plan Is Adopted

The Board of Trustees, at its recent meeting, authorized a revision in the method of awarding non-competitive scholarships to Hamilton students. This revision, which is to go into effect immediately, requires that applicants for scholarships provide more detailed information concerning their financial need, provides increased incentive for the maintenance of high scholarship standards, and places greater importance upon personal characteristics.

Scholarship aid will be granted for one year at a time, and students who desire renewal must reapply each spring. The amounts of scholarships have been changed and will now range from $75 to $300, annually.

This new plan adopted by the Board was drawn up by a faculty committee under the chairmanship of Dean F. H. Ristine. The committee made a careful survey of the scholastic program at Hamilton and a number of other colleges before making its recommendations to the Board.

The complete plan will be printed in next week's **Life.** Lack of space prevents its being included in this issue, despite the request of the administration that this be done.

Carnegie Tests To Be Held Soon

The entire student body will be examined by a series of tests prepared by the Carnegie Foundation and the American Council on Education during the regular class hours next Wednesday, May 3.

These examinations are not intelligence tests, but just a series of questions to indicate the general training in various fields of learning.

Although the tests will be given continuously during next Wednesday's class hours, it is probable that most undergraduates will not be present during both all of the morning and afternoon sessions. It is suggested that students consult the schedule which is soon to be issued by the administration concerning attendance at the tests.

The seniors will be examined in mathematics, physical and biological science, social studies, literature, fine arts, and verbal facility. The other three classes will be questioned in contemporary affairs, general culture in English usage, and literary comprehension.

It is imperative that every undergraduate meet his appointed tests next Wednesday, as the administration has announced severe penalties if any cuts are taken. In the case of a senior who purposely fails to attend a test, it was announced that the college would not awaard him a diploma this year.

The papers will be graded by the Carnegie Foundation, and it is doubtful that the results will be announced before next term.

The list of examination rooms will be announced in the near future.

Elections Announced Last Monday at Pi Delt Dinner

45 In Attendance

Glenn Named New 'Gaboon' Editor; Day to Take Over 'Hamiltonian'

Lewis B. Rock, Jr., and Richard C. Missbach will be the heads of the 1939-1940 **Life** staff, it was announced last Monday evening at the Pi Delta Epsilon dinner which was attended by 45 members of the administrative, faculty, and undergraduate bodies.

The dinner served the purpose of giving this year's publication heads an opportunity to announce their successors from the junior and sophomore competitors. Administrative and faculty members of Pi Delta Epsilon and the Publications Board were in attendance.

Frank W. Merritt, Richard S. Allen, and Robert M. Palmer, editor of the **Continental**, the **Hamiltonian**, and Publications Business Manager respectively, each announced the names of the juniors chosen to hold those positions next year.

Other Appointments

The Business Manager of all the publications will be Henry B. Sanson, whose assistant is Ralph Hansmann. The **Continental** will be headed by Edgar M. Glenn, presiden-elect of Pi Delta Epsilon for the ensuing year. Assistant editor of the magazine will be Robert Rich, '41. At the head of next year's **Hamiltonian** staff will be George Day as editor-in-chief, with Dave Tomlinson as managing editor.

Editor-elect Rock, whose term will start next week, praised the work of this year's **Life** staff, and stated that the attainment of an equally high standard next year would be a worthy goal for the

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Photographers Plan Clinton Exhibition

The Camera Club at its meeting last Wednesday evening formulated further plans for its annual exhibition to be held during the late spring weeks. It was decided that entries would be welcomed from all members of the student body and faculty. The only rules of the exhibition are that the pictures must have been taken since June 1st, 1938, and that no more than four entries may be submitted by any one person. Prints must be in the hands of the exhibition committee on or before May 10th. For further details see W. Lawrence Foster, '39, the chairman of this committee, or Richard S. Allen, '39, the president of the Club. Before the exhibition goes on view in the College Library it will be shown in the Clinton Village Library for a week.

Fancher Ready Thursday To Return to Teaching

Professor Paul A. Fancher will resume his classroom and choir work on next Thursday, when he expects to end his period of convalescence from a severe streptoccocus infection of the throat.

During Professor Fancher's absence the choir continued its regular activities under the leadership of student directors. John B. Hawley, '39, conducted the choir in the chapel service of Sunday, April 15, and Sam Lake, '39, acted in the same capacity last Sunday and in the rehearsal of the preceding Thursdy.

Many Interesting Opinions Revealed By Pi Delta Epsilon's Questionnaire

By Pi Delta Epsilon

The recent Pi Delta Epsilon questionnaire brought to light some very interesting information. As this material would take up more space than **Life** can allow, the fraternity plans to run a series of articles on the answers submitted. These articles, each dealing with a distinct part of the questionnaire, will be done by the men who drew up the questions.

The results show that a surprising number of people know nothing or very little about the functions of the Hamilton Student Publications Board. Most of these undergraduates are freshmen.

Opinion is divided as to preference for the present size and format of the "Royal Gaboon and Continental". Some, with reason, would like the size of the magazine reduced and consider the format amateurish. Others find both size and format pleasing. For the information of both groups, the amount of money allotted to each of the Hamilton publications is small. The publications have no endowments, and must depend upon student subscriptions and advertising for financial support. In a college of some four hundred undergraduates, it is very difficult to obtain large sums of money, either from undergraduate subscriptions or from advertising. The size of the Royal Gaboon and Continental is fixed by the size of the cigarette advertisement on the back cover. The editor has comparatively little money to spend upon the numerous cuts and photographs which would increase the magazine's attractiveness.

To the question the following answers were received:

(a) No one knows where to hand in material.

(b) There is no incentive to write for the College magazine.

(c) The magazine is not worth contributing to.

(d) Many do not realize that contributions are welcome.

(e) Laziness and lack of time.

(f) Talent at the College is poor.

At least two persons think that the magazine is run by a clique.

The proper place to put material for the magazine is in the hands of one of the editors. Contributions are always welcome. Those who feel that the magazine is not worth contributing to should remember that the magazine is published by the undergraduates of the College for the undergraduates. The magazine is not put out by a clique. The College magazine will be of poor quality if it is not adequately supported by the undergraduates. As for lack of incentive, it is against the College's policy in general to subsidize extra-curricular activities.

The general opinion favors a magazine which is predominantly humorous but which publishes a variety of material, such as fiction, essays, and controversial articles. The last issue of the Gaboon was edited with this opinion in mind, and contained five short stories, two articles, a poem, a number of exchanges, and the usual editorial page.

The editors of the Royal Gaboon and Continental want to publish a magazine which will entertain the entire undergraduate body. They are handicapped financially and by the fixed sized of the magazine, but these handicaps are negligible. The greatest handicap is the lack of student support.

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THE CHARLATANS

It is with a genuine feeling of regret that we are forced to realize that the Charlatans are not going to produce "What Price Glory?" Despite our rather flippant remarks in "the editor's desk" column last week, we had a sincere hope that the play would be produced. Its success was assured by the very capable cast selected by the Charlatans' officers, and it was doubly assured by the very evident enthusiasm which members of the cast displayed at rehearsals. Our shift from a light to a serious vein this week is brought about by the disappointment of not having the play produced, and also by our disapproval of the administration's action in stopping production after two weeks of rehearsals.

The administration states that the play is being cancelled because the Charlatans failed to submit the work for approval. We are sure that no play last year was submitted for approval; and that even if such were the custom, the administration should not have waited until two weeks after the announcement of the play to force a highly acceptable selection into the discard.

The reason that the Charlatans are not going to produce "What Price Glory?" seems to us a trifle absurd. The administration considers the somewhat inelegant language of the play's characters as too strong for Hamilton consumption. If the play were going to be presented before the sub-freshman group, we would acknowledge this as a valid reason. But the fear of the administration that the language would be too strong not only for undergraduate consumption, but also for alumni, trustee, and family approval seems to us unfounded. "What Price Glory?" played in New York City before capacity audiences, and among those who saw it were probably many of the alumni, trustees, and families who would be here for the Hill production at Commencement time. That the production of the play here would seem to them to be a scandalous affair we can not believe. In our opinion, they would have applauded the production vigorously, and with the exception of those die-hards who would object to even one line of "inelegant language", there would have been no complaints.

As to the play's being unsuited for Hill undergraduates—it is read now in freshman composition courses; it is studied by the youngest and most immature group of the student body. We will grant the fact that there is a difference between the spoken and the printed word, but we do not think that difference merits a cancellation.

We deplore the administration's action in stopping the play's production. Such action does not seem to us modern and progressive.

THE "FORUM" LETTER

The letter from President Cowley which is printed in this week's "Forum" shows us up in a rather bad light. We wrote last week that we regretted the fact that the Trustees did not let us know of their discussion of the liquor problem; the "Forum" letter would seem to indicate that they did. Let us deny that fact now.

Any and all action taken by the Trustees and permitted by them to be publicized was given out to the Press Board, and from there our reporter got all the information that he could. There was not even an "off the record" mention of any trustee discussion of the liquor problem. In fact, the Director of the Press Board assures us that he himself did not know anything about the matter. If, as President Cowley states in his letter, it was the intention of the Trustees to publicize their action, we fail to see why they did not do so then. The President's letter is the first official statement on the matter that we have received. We realize that the news of the trustee action would eventually have come out, but we do not think it was necessary to await the appointment of a committee before announcing what was done.

It is not our intention to belie Dr. Cowley's letter; he undoubtedly wrote it as a defense of the Trustees and was probably unaware of the fact that any news was held back from the press. What we would like to do is to defend ourselves and to back up the statement we made in regard to the matter last week. We would also like to suggest that whatever method of transmitting such news to the Press Board is now being used be changed so that it will work a bit better than it did last week.

VALE

Last year at this time, the 1937-1938 editors wrote their final editorial. As we remember it, the editorial was headed, "As We Retire." It was perfectly safe for last year's staff to make that statement, as there was not enough left in *Life's* bank account to put out another issue. This year, we leave the incoming editors with an entirely different set-up. There will be five more issues this year, assured by the success of the Publications plan instituted last fall. It is with a pardonable feeling of pride that we turn *Life* over to our successors.

And so we revert to the "Vale" of two years ago, which is a good-bye only in the sense that we will no longer be writing.

To our readers of the past year, we offer our thanks for their letters and suggestions, for their criticism and commendations, and for the very active part they took in helping us enjoy our work. Their interest in the paper has made it a pleasure to edit *Hamilton Life*, and we are as confident of the fact that they will continue that helpful comment as we are that *Life* is being placed in capable hands. And to those men who take our place, and to all other competitors and members of this year's staff, we would express our gratitude for their assistance during our tenure of office. May *Life* mean as much to them as it has to us.

And now—so long.

Alumni Notes

By Professor Edward Fitch

Dr. N. Emmons Paine, '74, has been elected a member of the National Institute of Social Sciences, in recognition of notable work as director of the Massachusetts Hospital for Mental Diseases. He was nominated by Dr. Thomas H. Norton, '73.

Parker F. Scripture, '02, died suddenly in Utica on April 19. He completed freshman year at Hamilton, and later was graduated in due course from Cornell University. For 18 years he was special Oneida County judge, and in 1922 during his term of office he inaugurated a Children's Court. He was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity.

Clark H. Minor, '04, president of the International General Electric Company, who spoke in the College Chapel on April 5, made four similar addresses in early April, one over station WGY on April first. On April 3 he addressed the Nela Park General Electric Organization of Cleveland, Ohio, on April 4 a similar organization in Erie, Pa., and on April 5 the School of Journalism of Syracuse University.

A clipping from the Monroe, Mich., News for April 12 announced two speeches to be delivered in that town by Lester F. Scott, '05, national executive of the Camp Fire organization. Mr. Scott, who was engaged first in journalism, then in settlement work, became in 1914 one of the chief advisers to Luther Gulick, founder of the Camp Fire Girls. On the death of Mr. Gulick in 1919, he became the executive head of the organization, which has had a remarkable growth under his direction.

Floyd D. McLean, '08, has been one of the active leaders in the fight to defeat the Republican proposal to impose a sales tax in New York State. Mr. McLean, one of the proprietors of McLean's Department Store in Binghamton, was chosen chairman of the State Tax Front.

Sewell M. Jones, '08, died at his home in Syracuse on April 21, after a considerable period of impaired health. He had been for the past ten years sales manager of the division of group insurance under the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He saw service in the National Guard on the Mexican border, and during the Dorld War had at one time an important assignment at Hoboken in connection with movements of troops and supplies to and from France. He was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity.

Carl V. Warren, '23, superintendent of schools in Massena since January, 1937, has accepted a call to a like position in Middletown.

At the Wyoming conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church which closed its sessions on April 16, Rev. R. Grant Sechrist, '32, of Otego was appointed to the church in Warren Center, Pa.

Announcement was made in April of the engagement of Miss Catherine Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Cox of Kingston, N. C., to Richard H. Fogle, '33. Miss Cox is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. Mr. Fogle is teaching this year at Somerset Hill school, Far Hills, N. J.

THE PARABLE OF THE TWENTY-SEVEN OLD MEN

And it came to pass that the Great White Father summoned his disciples about him and said unto them: "Gentlemen, would it please you to improve the moral conditions of our happy little family by ceasing to be hypocritical in this matter of drinking spiritous liquors? The conditions here are now so deplorable that our worthy charges no longer heed our laws, that they consider it a commendable thing to drink to excess. Should we not face the situation squarely and encourage the principle of moderation in all things?"

But Doubting Daniel, the ancient chief of the band, rose sputtering to his feet and spake thus: "Do you, sir, actually infer that our sanctum of respectability is stained by those whose lips have touched the 'Demon Rum'! Such, I am sure, was never the case under the beneficent rule of the late Ferry Godmother. Certainly it is preposterous to suppose that our own sweet lads are like the evil spawn of other institutions where beer is actually drunk. I, for one, doubt the veracity of such a statement."

Then spake Robert the Scotsman: "What would the parents of our charges say if they knew that their sons were openly exposed to the maliciousness of alcohol? It is a well known fact that no one over twenty-one years of age ever drinks the damnable stuff, and that those under that age should not do so. We have but one choice . . . to quash such a measure."

Thus it came to pass that there was a great discussion held amongst these venerable ancients and that in the end all was referred to a committee . . . naturally suggested by the Great White Father.

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Even though Connie has consented to attend the Spring doings with H. Barringer VanDeusen (H. standing for Hiram) he still holds a warm spot in his heart for blond-haired Phyllis. But although she has practically reached the end of her childhood, Bud says he prefers the more worldly-wise lasses of 17 or so.

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First class Scouts Alexander Walter Godard and Donald Rigley Clark were rumored to have turned out in full regalia for last Thursday evening's lecture, under the mistaken impression that it was Dan, rather than Charles Beard, who was speaking.

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She was beautiful, tall, willowy, and all the girls liked her, but "Rollicking Rod" Smith preferred fishing in the Oriskany to returning to Aurora and "Sweater Land" after his Saturday morning classes, which, as a matter of fact, he attended.

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Houseparty Date Flashes—

H. B. the T. is off being off women for life. This time it's a blind from Beaver. One never can tell . . . .

One outstanding senior was convinced he was juicy, until he got the reply, "Yes, I would love to come, but I got married last month and I don't think my husband will approve. Thanks again,—"

As usual, some have two and some have none, but at this stage of the game mostly none. Mr. Kiley, of the Alpha Delt Kileys, is the avowed leader of the latter group, but as yet the other bunch is not well enough organized to have chosen a leader.

Mr. John Gawler, '42, is going home for the week-end. (period)

J. Juraschek thinks that maybe he'll try his home town after all, but it still is pretty early to start definite action.

Texas Christian University this year won all of its football games and lost all of its basketball games.

FORUM

April 20, 1939

To the Editor of Hamilton Life:

In your April nineteenth issue in the column entitled "from the editor's desk" you refer to "many conflicting statements" as to what happened at the Board meeting of April fifteenth concerning the so-called liquor problem at Hamilton. You write further that "it doesn't seem fair that all the facts in the case should be bottled up."

The implication of the statement seems to me to be that the trustees and the administration are not being candid with the student body. This is not true. The Board agreed at its meeting to appoint a committee of its own members to explore the situation extensively and to report at the June meeting. No announcement has been made of the appointment of this committee since Mr. Burke, Chairman of the Board, has not as yet determined upon its membership. When the men to serve on this committee have been selected, I shall of course announce their names to the College.

Faithfully yours,
W. H. Cowley

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Baseball Squad to Engage Swarthmore and Haverford

Week-End Encounters First of Season For Hillmen

The varsity baseball squad departs tomorrow to inaugurate the 1939 season by playing games at Haverford and Swarthmore over the week-end. Because of the post ponement of the Albany State game which was to have been played last Saturday, this will be the first intercollegiate contest of the year for the Continental Webermen.

The team will meet Swarthmore Friday and will invade Haverford for a Saturday afternoon game. Both of these teams have played several games already this spring and will be in prime shape to meet the Buff and Blue.

Coach Weber has not yet announced his selection for an opening lineup. However, pre-season performances seem to point to the probability of the following batting order starting the game against Swarthmore Friday:

Towner ..... ss
J. William c
Petronio c
Roider ..... lb
Hilfinger ..... p
Davis ..... cf
Kirk ..... lf
Davis ..... cf
Joy 3b
Cunningham ..... rf

When Hilfinger isn't pitching he will take over first base while Roider will shift to an outfield or an infield post. At least four sophomores will be playing their first baseball game for Hamilton this week-end, and on their performances the success of the season rests. Besides seeing service on last year's freshman nine, these men have had experience in summer amateur leagues and high school outfits.

Hamilton engaged a New Hartford semi-pro team in an informal six inning scrimmage last Saturday. The local nine made four runs on four hits and two errors while New Hartford's team garnered three runs on three hits and two errors. Hilfinger and Henderson saw action on the mound for the Continentals and made creditable showings. Hilfinger fanned five men in the three innings he worked, and Henderson's deceptive side arm delivery was confusing to the New Hartfordites.

Frosh Nine Unselected, Schedule to Be Light

The freshman baseball team has not yet been selected, as to date Coach Weber has been training only pitchers and catchers.

Those out for the pitching position are: Sacket, Baxter, Naylor, and Nuspliger. The prospective catchers are Curme, Otis, and Mclean.

Competition for the other positions is expected for this week. There have been only two games definitely scheduled as yet, one with Morrisville, and another with Central City Business School near the end of May.

Eight Men Turn Out for Freshman Track Team

The freshmen track team which has been practicing every day for the past week or so is taking shape rapidily.

The distance runners are McGhee and Williford. Those out for the quarter-mile run are Golovizinin and Beardslee. The sprinters are DeVecchio, Stoutenburg, and R. Collins. Beardslee throws the discus and shot-put, while Appleton is out for the jumps.

There is good material on the squad, but there will be little competition to put it to the test.

Freshmen Elect Scheu Secretary-Treasurer

The election of freshman class officers was completed last Friday in chapel when Robert S. Scheu, Sigma Phi, was chosen to the post of secretary-treasurer. The president and vice president had been elected on earlier days, and the complete list of freshman officers now stands: Robert T. Collins, Psi Upsilon, president; John H. Freemyer, Squires, vice president; Robert S. Scheu, Sigma Phi, secretary-treasurer.

Sport Notes

By W. J. Roider, '39

With a mixture of regret and relief, we find that we have reached the parting of the ways, and that this issue marks the last number of **Hamilton Life** for which we will have to sweat out a sports column. And when we say sweat, we mean just that; for if anyone has the romantic idea that writing a column on athletics every week is something to be dashed off easily in five or ten minutes, said person is entirely in the wrong. We've been accused of dashing off some of our work in five or ten minutes, but even though it might look like a few minutes work, we've tried to write as pleasing and interesting article for each issue as we possibly could.

The sports columns which appeared in **Hamilton Life** during the past five years never quite lived up to their name. Formerly the columnists were content to stick down a few cut and dried facts about Hamilton athletic teams or individuals, rehash the games played during the week, and occasionally insert some highly uninteresting statistics, such as individual scoring in class basketball, etc.

When we took over the job last spring, we decided we would attempt to write a sports column which would be as interesting as possible. We also made a decision that we would not limit our discussion to just Hill sports, but would write about things that were happening in the world of sports, things that were of interest to most everyone. We've tried to do that, and at the same time give our views on Hamilton athletics, thus making an interesting column. Whether or not we've succeeded, we candidly don't know.

To our successors, we wish all the luck in the world. Heaven help them when Sunday night rolls around, copy is due, and they can't think of a darn thing to write.

The practice game with the New Hartford Carters, played last Saturday afternoon, revealed a few things concerning the chances of the baseball team this year. The most interesting fact brought up by the game was Marty Hilfinger's pitching (he pitched three hit ball for the five innings he was in there), and Jim Henderson's sophomore twirling. Henderson showed a great deal of stuff from the slab, his control was faultless, and he was steady even when in trouble.

Since the pitching staff has been Coach Weber's main headache this spring, the performance of the above two boys must have seemed good to him. But the power which the home team's bats should have held Saturday was missing. This fault can be cleaned up very easily, once good weather comes. Batting practice is necessary for good hitting, and so far the ball team has had very few of these drills.

Golf Season to Open on Friday

The Invitation Intercollegiate tournament at Syracuse Friday will be the first competition of the season for the Hamilton golf team. The first match of the Rochester home-and-home series has been called off by mutual agreement to permit both teams to participate in the Intercollegiate tournament next week-end.

Though anxious to start, the golf team could not play the match with Syracuse which was to take place last Monday. The dampness of the home course has forced a postponement of the match until next Monday.

The team goes into this season with four lettermen back and stiff competition for the last two positions on the team.

The schedule, as it now stands, reads:

April 28—Intercollegiate Invitation—Syracuse
April 31—Syracuse
May 6—Union
May 10—Hobart
May 13—St. Lawrence
May 20—Rochester
May 24—Union

Interclass Track Meet To Be Held Saturday

An interclass track meet, scheduled for this Saturday afternoon, will give Coach Winters a final chance to see his varsity squad in action before they encounter R. P. I. here on Houseparty Week-end.

The runners have been outside for the past week, having been unable to leave the Sage Building cinders prior to that time because of bad weather. The squad of about thirty men in both field and track events has been slowly rounding into shape and should be ready when the intercollegiate competition which begins on May 6.

Tennis Team Hopes Not Yet Determined

Because the Tennis team has had little practice this year, Coach Gelas is as yet unable to prophesy the chances that the team may have for a successful season.

Only four members of last year's team are back this year. According to the coach all these men are very competent and should, if they are able to have enough practice, form a powerful nucleus for this year's squad. Led by Captain Erickson, the lettermen of last year are Phelps, Bate, and Harder. Male and Warfield, in spite of the fact that they didn't receive letters last year, are strong players and should be big point-makers this season. Abbey, MacClenathan, and Jessup all played good tennis for the freshman team last year and, without a doubt, will add much to this season's squad.

Today the team is to meet Colgate. Coach Gelas has not lined up his men as yet but is planning to give everyone a chance to play. In this manner he hopes to size up the power of his men in competition.

With the installation of Cold Provia, hard surfaced courts, which Mr. Gelas hopes will come within a couple of years, he thinks that Hamilton Tennis teams will improve greatly. Since our teams are now hampered by a short practice season, they are often inferior to squads of other colleges which are able to practice earlier in the season.

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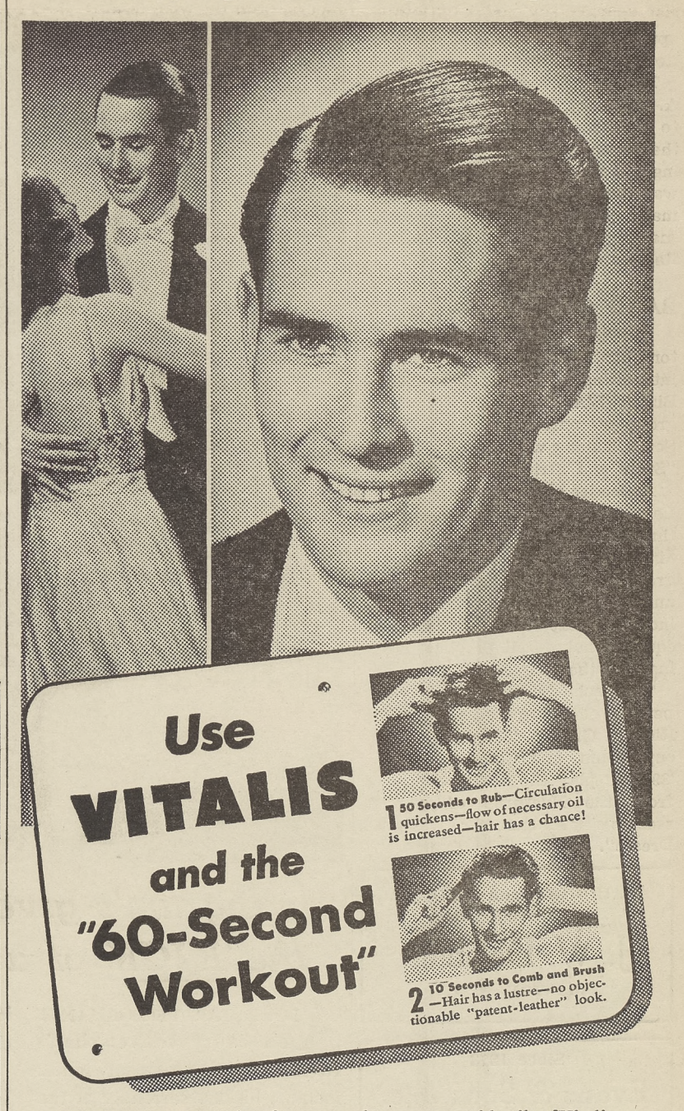
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NEW EDITORS—

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new editors. The other positions on the new staff as announced by E. Welles Kellogg, Jr., 1938-1939 editor in chief, are Managing Editor, Richard C. Missbach; Associate Editor, George L. Barton, III; and News Editor, Gordon R. Payne. Sophomores elected to the staff are: Feature Editor, Richard S. White; and Fraternity Editor, Robert O. Brennan.

Three sophomore competitors for reporter positions were admitted to the staff. They are George E. Ogilvie, Jr., Alphonse S. Kaufman, and Richard C. Allman.

Seven freshmen were declared cub-reporters, having qualified in the past semester's competition. They will automatically become regular reporters next September. They are Charles G. Barton, E. Haring Chandor, Anthony Pomilio, Charles Scharf, James Swallen, George S. Tillman, and Robert Zion.

Merritt Toastmaster

The dinner was held at Dibble's Inn at Vernon, and was presided over by Frank W. Merritt, outgoing president of Pi Delta Epsilon. President Cowley, Dean Ristine, Mr. Coughlin, Messrs. Johnston, Mineka, Nesbitt, and Sloane of the faculty, and Edward N. Main of the Press Bureau, were present. Before calling upon the various editors, Mr. Merritt outlined the accomplishments of Pi Delta Epsilon during the past year. He announced that the Hamilton chapter has been revived this year by the main office of the honorary journalistic fraternity, and stated that despite the work of the Publications Board, there is still much along the editorial line which can be best accomplished by the student organization.

Dr. Cowley made a short address to the publications men present at the conclusion of the appointments. The President, himself a member of Pi Delta Epsilon for 18 years, congratulated the newly-elected men. He reported that the publications plan being given a trial this year has been successful and will be continued with but minor alterations.

He also said that while the administration makes no attempt to control the editorial policy of the student publications, it is anxious to work with the editors in the interest of better publications. He then pointed out the importance of editorial posts and their manifold opportunities to lead in the formation of campus morale and opinion.

The dinner, arranged by Arthur A. Batts, Jr., '39, was then brought to a close as Merritt expressed his thanks to those present for turning out in such large numbers. It was the first dinner of its kind in many years, each staff formerly meeting separately to announce its new men.

BAND CONCERT—

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tonight: Sibelius' "Finlandia", the interesting "Franandole" from Bizet's L'Arlesienne Suite, and a group of marches by John Philip Sousa, among which is the stirring "Stars and Stripes Forever".

As leader of another group, Sam Lake will put the college octet through its paces during the evening's program. As yet, the group's selections have not been announced, but advance reports indicate that the numbers will equal if not excell previous offerings by the singers.

Two soloists are scheduled to perform during the evening. Richard Griffith, '38, will play the euphonium, and Charles L. Nord, '39, will play the french horn solo from the Nocturne of Mendelssohn's "Midsummer Night's Dream".

Nine Hill Debaters At State Assembly

Nine undergraduates will represent Hamilton at the New York State Debate Assembly next weekend at Cornell University, Ithaca. This convocation of intercollegiate debaters was conceived in 1932 by Calvin Lewis, late professor of public speaking at Hamilton, and has met annually since that time. This year's Hill representatives include John L. Carter, Oliver E. Treyz, and W. Allenby Jones of the Class of 1939; Harry McCormick, William E. Griffith, Murray D. Shepp, Ralph E. Hansman, and T. Litchfield Howe, of the Class of 1940.

On Friday, the first day of the assembly, the debaters will be divided into committees to consider such problems as taxation in New York State and the advisibility of adding a fifth year to state high schools. Each committee will draw up a bill, which will be presented to the entire assembly on Saturday for discussion, amendment, and final voting.

The chairman of the first assembly was John J. Walsh, '32. Last year's convocation was held at Union College in Schenectady, with representatives from about 25 New York colleges.

Last Wednesday night the debaters who took part in the McKinney Prize Debate in March repeated their debate before the Parent-Teacher Association of the Holland Patent Central School. W. Allenby Jones and Frank W. Merritt, '39, argued the affirmative of the subject, "Resolved, that indoctrination in education is necessary for the continuance of democracy." Their opponents were Oliver E. Treyz and Alan B. McMillen, '39. Presiding over the meeting was Sam Holt, '32.

Sub-Freshmen To Hear Sing

Fraternities Will Entertain, Couper to Speak at All-College Dinner

The eleventh annual all-college sing, one of Hamilton College's newest traditions, will be one of the outstanding features of the entertainment planned for the sub-freshmen who visit Hamilton's campus May 13 and 14. Coming with a desire to become acquainted with the life of an undergraduate, the sub-freshman will be provided, in the sing, with one of the best aspects of college life on the Hill.

In a letter sent out recently by William E. Weld, assistant secretary of admissions, the full program was listed and included opportunities to play golf, tennis, and softball; an all-college dinner in the Hall of Commons; inspection of campus buildings and grounds; and a baseball game between R. P. I. and Hamilton.

Announcement of the acceptance of invitations to speak at the dinner completed plans for the affair. Edgar W. Couper, '20, of Binghamton, Hamilton trustee and himself the father of a sub-freshman, is one of the speakers.

The college will wear its best Sunday bib and tucker for the expected several hundred prospective members of the class of 1943. Undergraduate life in the classroom, in the fraternity house, and on the campus, will also be open to the guests, since plans call for their attendance at Saturday morning classes if they so desire, and their entertainment at the various houses during their stay.

Dr. Hough Speaks On Knowing Truth

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," was the text of Dean Lynn Harold Hough of Drew Theological Seminary, when he spoke at last Sunday's morning chapel service. Drawing his theme from St. John 8:-32, Dr. Hough pointed out a method of forming a map of the universe to show truth to the individual.

"Nowadays," Dean Hough said, "everyone wants to trade freedom and liberty for security. A map of the true universe could show these people where they stand. This map should contain human emotions, a section devoted to historical development, and an understanding of great literature.

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"A liar," he said, "is one in whom the partition has been broken down between the mind and the imagination."

Dr. Hough conducted a communion service in the chapel Sunday afternoon.

Lecture Series to Be Continued Next Season On Present Plan

Opportunities for questioning and chatting with prominent leaders in various fields of business will be afforded Hamilton College students next year, as initial plans and contributions for the 1939-40 lecture season are going forward.

Declaring that the past season of lectures was one of the best since 1934, President Cowley recently announced that several anonymous alumni had already made contributions to bring outstanding speakers to the campus next year. The lectures will take place in the College chapel, and will continue to be free to the public.

It is expected that the same arrangements will be made during the coming year that were in effect during the past season, when nearly all of the nine current events lecturers were tendered informal receptions around fraternity house firesides, where round-table discussions took place.

This year's series began in mid-November when Alexander Woollcott spoke on the Archer Shee Case. The other speakers included the Reverend James Gordon Gilkey, D.D., world traveler and Springfield, Mass., pastor; Dr. James Stuart Plant, director of the Essex County Clinic, Newark, N. J.; the Hon. Thomas V. Smith, University of Chicago, professor and congressman-at-large from Illinois; Irwin Edman, Columbia University professor of philosophy; Louis MacNeice, British poet; Clark H. Minor, president of the International General Electric Co.; Maurice Hindus, world traveler and writer; and Dr. Charles A. Beard, historian.

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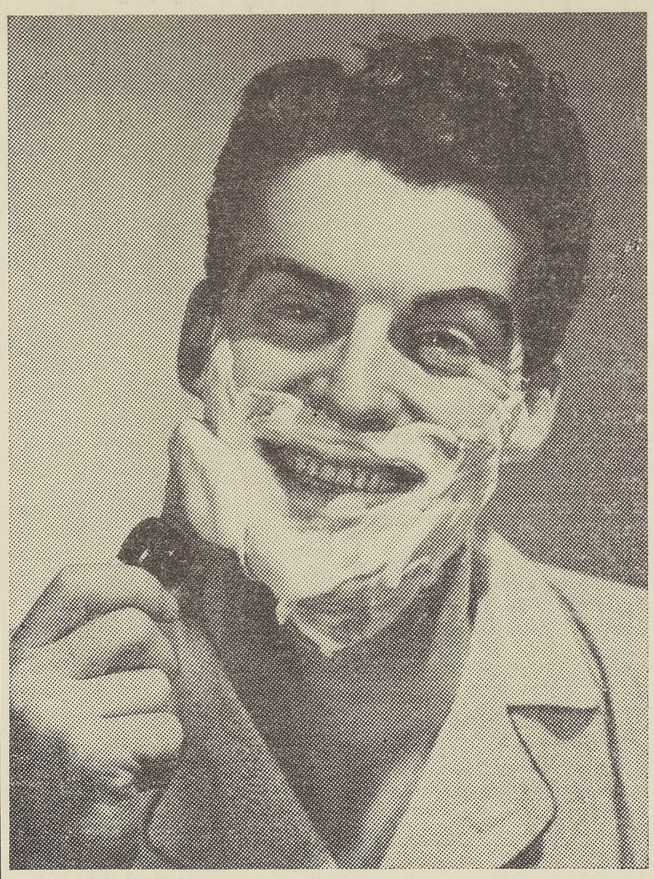

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